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SUBJECT: ASEAN-US DIALOGUE: DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

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1. WE HAVE PASSED ON TO MFA ECONOMIC DIVISION CHIEF
LEE CHIONG GIAM ANSWERS PROVIDED IN REF A TO HIS QUESTIONS.
RE DATES FOR ASEAN-US DIALOGUE, HE SEEMED SATISFIED
WITH EXPLANATION FOR OUR PREFERENCE FOR AUGUST 3-4.

2. HE WAS LESS HAPPY TO BE TOLD THAT ELECTRONIC TRAIN-
ING INSTITUTE PROPOSAL WOULD PROBABLY NOT QUALIFY UNDER
US AID BHN CRITERIA. HE ARGUES THAT WORKERS IN ELECTRONICS
FACTORIES ARE VEY CLOSE TO LOWEST END OF INCOME SCALE
IN SINGAPORE (SINGAPORE HAS VERY FEW RURAL POOR), AND
THAT BEST WAY TO UPGRADE THEIR LIVING STANDARD IS TO
INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTIVITY AND EVENTUALLY UPGRADE
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QUALITY OF ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY. ON NATIONAL BASIS,
SINGAPORE "CANNOT SURVIVE ON SIMPLE INDUSTRIES" AND
INCREASING THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL LEVEL IS ESSENTIAL TO
GROWTH.

3. COMMENT: US PROPOSALS FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE TO ASEAN POSE A PROBLEM. SINGAPORE, ON ITS

OWN NEEDS AND MERITS, IS NOT A CANDIDATE FOR US ASSISTANCE,
YET IT CANNOT REALLY BE LEFT OUT OF A REGIONAL PROGRAM
INTENDED PRINCIPALLY TO DEMONSTRATE US SUPPORT FOR
ASEAN. IT SEEMS THAT WHAT ASEAN MAY HAVE IN MIND FOR
OUR CONSIDERATION IS A SERIES OF PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS
OF PRIMARY BENEFIT TO ONE OR TWO COUNTRIES BUT WHICH
COULD BE EXPANDED TO BENEFIT ALL FIVE. THIS WOULD
MEAN, UNLESS SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA RE TO BE LEFT
OUT OR UNLESS THESE TWO COUNTRIES ARE TO BE ADDED TO
THE US AID LIST, THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER HELP-
ING WITH REGIONAL PROJECTS IN THESE COUNTRIES THAT
WOULD AT FIRST LOOK A GREAT DEAL LIKE NATIONAL PRO-
JECTS. AN ALTERNATIVE IS, AS SUGGESTED REF A,
REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. WHILE THIS MAKES
GOOD SENSE IN THE CASE OF SINGAPORE FROM DEVELOPMENT
POINT OF VIEW, IT WOULD BE REGARDED AS PRETTY THIN
RESULT OF MINISTERIAL MEETING. LEE CERTAINLY SEEMED
UNIMPRESSED WITH OUR MENTION OF REIMBURSABLE ASSISTANCE.
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